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## SUPREME COURT

### TO HEAR CASES ON EVACUATION

The test case of Mitsuye Endo, who demands release from a war relocation center, will be "near the top of the list" of more than 500 cases to be taken up by the United States Supreme Court during the new term which opened yesterday, October 2, according to an AP report credited to Paul M. Yost.

Scheduled also is the appeal of a young man born in this country of parents who were nationals of Japan. He questions the constitutionality of the army evacuation orders under which he was taken from his California home and put in a relocation center in Utah. This refers to the Korematsu test case.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to have opened at noon yesterday for the first time since the last session ended on June 12. According to the AP report, the nine justices will be confronted by an unusually large stack of more than 500 cases piled up since they scattered for vacations.

### Bennett Reports On Conference

Project Director Leroy H. Bennett, who returned Friday from the Denver conference of WRA project directors, stated that the main topic discussed at the meeting was again relocation.

Another matter of importance discussed was the possible necessity of reducing various types of center employment if the labor situation becomes too critical.

Bennett also stated that since Tule Lake is so crowded, no transfers will be made to the Tule center except perhaps for single individuals, and

## P.F.C. HIGA SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THIS SUNDAY

Pfc. Thomas Higa, twice wounded member of the famed 100th Battalion and holder of the Purple Heart for battle scars suffered in Italy, will bring war accounts right into Rivers

this week-end when he addresses Butte and Canal Issei groups this Sunday with two talks in Japanese at the respective high school auditoriums.

Pfc. Higa is scheduled to speak at the Butte High School auditorium 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, October 8, and at the Canal auditorium 7:30 that evening. Shimpei Tanaka and Frank Sasaki, representing the Servicemen's Parents and Relatives Association of Butte and Canal, respectively, will be in charge of program arrangements. The Nisei veteran is expected to arrive in Rivers sometime Saturday and may stay until Monday. His schedule, aside from the two talks in Japanese, are not definite.

### SIX GET NOTICES FOR ACTIVE DUTY

Active duty notices for six Gilans arrived in Rivers at the leave office. The men will leave Rivers October 6, Friday, to Fort Douglas, Utah, for processing and assignment.

The men are:

Tadashi Araki, Toko G. Akiyama, Yo Edward A. Inouye, Masao F. Masuda, Masahiko J. Tanaka, James Teshima.

### COACH OBTAINED FOR OCT. 12

Since over forty people have already signed up to leave on the special train from Chandler on Thursday, October 12, it can be definitely stated that a coach will be chartered on that day, announced Wilson Hart, relocation adviser. There are, however, about fifteen additional vacancies on the train for any others who wish to leave. Reservations may be made this week at either the Butte or Canal relocation offices.

Reservations may also be made at any time during the next two and a half weeks for seats on the October 26 train. Present indications are that these two trains will be the last special coaches chartered this year for use of Gila relocators exclusively. Consequently, people who wish to take advantage of this facility, are urged to notify the relocation office as soon as possible.

even these under unusual circumstances.

A member of the "puka-puka" battalion composed initially of Nisei of the Hawaiian Islands, Higa entered the service in June, 1941. He was patrolling the beaches near Honolulu at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. In May, 1942, the 100th Battalion left Hawaii to train for combat at Camp McCoy, Wis., and later at Camp Shelby, Miss. In August of the same year the 100th left for the Mediterranean theatre of war.

### EVACUEES MAY VOTE ABSENTEE

Evacuees may apply for absentee ballots for the November 7 election not more than 60 days and not less than five days before election. Requests must be in writing, over the signature of the applicant.

This was the statement made in a letter to the Butte Community Council from the Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County last week in reply to a request for the information by the Council